

A well-respected trainer once wrote: *"If dog training was easy, everyone would have well-trained dogs. It takes perseverance and hard work to shape a dog's behavior . . ."*

Take the time now to instruct your dog on the proper way to greet people so he or she will not have to be banished to the backyard or back room when guests arrive.

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DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES



Maricopa County Animal Care & Control (AC&C) is a full service animal welfare organization with centers, adoptions, field services, licensing, and education programs. We are happy to offer low cost, humane dog training education. Through a partnership with Canine Educational Services of the Southwest, a professional training organization, **AC&C** provides classes at both West and East Locations.

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JUMPING UP



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It is a natural behavior for a dog to jump up in order to get attention. It is a behavior, however, that we should not allow and should discourage from happening AT ALL TIMES. A dog that jumps up on you or your family or guests is not only annoying but can be somewhat dangers as well.

Imagine the four year old child walking through your door only to be greeted by an 80 pound dog jumping up and knocking the child down. Or your elderly friend coming in your home to visit and being happily pounced on by a very large family member with four legs.

As natural a greeting ritual as this may be, we should not permit this behavior. In order to correct this behavior, we must take the time to “teach” our dog the correct way to greet people.

There are several techniques you can use to stop a dog from jumping. The one thing that you should **never** do is attempt to knee the dog in its chest. This is a very dangerous technique, and the fact that it has

been used for many years does not make it any less dangerous to the dog. A misplaced knee at an inappropriate time could cause injury to the dog’s sternum, tracheal area or head area.

Another technique that should be avoided is stepping on the back paws while the dog is up on you or squeezing the front paws until the dog pulls away. Again, these techniques have been used in the past; however, they can produce a counter-productive result. Dogs seek attention and will accept both positive or negative forms of reward.

Your dog must understand that it will not be rewarded in any way until all four paws are on the floor. If your dog jumps up on you, simply turn to the side allowing your dog to place all paws on the floor and at the same time say “Off”. Do not use the command “Down” for that is a command that should produce a completely different response from the dog.

Once the dog is off, command “Sit”. Try not to put your hands on the dog as this will also reward the

dog with your touch. Once he complies with your command to sit, then reward with praise or a gentle pat on the head.

Your dog should begin to understand that the only way it will receive that much desired reward — YOU — it must be in a sit position.

Allowing your dog to jump up in play will only confuse him. You must be consistent in your actions by not allowing this behavior at any time.

Clearly, one of the very best techniques for preventing your dog from jumping up is to teach your dog a reliable “Sit/Stay”. This can be accomplished by introducing basic obedience commands and practicing with your dog every day. Enrolling your dog in an obedience class or in-home obedience lessons which apply humane training techniques will not only be time well spent having fun with your dog but another way to communicate your expectations for a well-behaved member of your family.

